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In re application of: GUNJI et al.  
Application. No.: 09/926,299  
Filing Date: October 9, 2001  
Atty. Docket No. US-1310  
Title: L-Amino Acid Producing Bacterium and Method for  
Producing L-Amino Acid

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment and Request for Reconsideration: 14 pages.  
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☐ Information Disclosure Statement: pages.  
☐ PTO-1449: pages.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.